

**SANDPOINT ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2017
5:30 PM CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1123 LAKE STREET**

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Megan Cherry, Carol Deaner, Matt Kerr, Ffion Soltis, Tammy Farmin, Elle Susnis

COUNCIL/STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: City Staff liaison Melissa Bethel - Minutes

COUNCIL/COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Tom Eddy, Dyno Wahl, Carol Kovalchuk, Kris Dills, Ellinor Allen (student liaison)

Chairman Deaner called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

Approval of Minutes:

Kerr moved and Cherry second to approve the minutes of August 21, 2017. **Motion passes unanimously.**

New Business:

Creation of Cedar and Second Public Art Committee:

Soltis stated she and Kovalchuk met regarding the Cedar and Second Avenue public Art project. She stated they have made a request from staff for copies of the streetscape design.

Old Business:

Committee updates:

Budget/Long range planning: Deaner, Susnis, Farmin, Kovalchuk

Deaner stated the SURA budget approved the 2.5% public art funds. She advised the Commission regarding the SURA funds available.

Deaner stated the Commission needs to work on the long range plan.

Cherry stated she would work with Deaner on the Public Art Policy:

Fundraising/grants: Wahl, Soltis, Deaner, Susnis: No update

Projects:

a. Stainless Steel Boxes; Farmin, ~~Dills~~, Deaner, Soltis,

Soltis stated the timeline for the Silver Boxes has become fragile. She stated there may be additional work the Commission needs to approve and completion may be out for another month.

Soltis gave a presentation regarding the use of CaFE and raised concerns to the Commission. Soltis gave pros and cons regarding the process. Soltis stated a week before the call ends we need to look at the submissions to make sure they meet the qualifications and contact the artists to make adjustments.

Soltis stated she would like to table the discussion and have the Commission properly look over the information to discuss next meeting.

Soltis stated the art piece that scored the highest needs some maintenance. Soltis stated she would like to table the discussion until next meeting. Soltis stated she would like to contact the artist to inquire regarding those issues.

Soltis questioned if the call can be reopened. Deaner stated the only recommendation to go to Council is the top finalists.

b. Schweitzer Roundabout; Dills, Cherry, Deaner, Susnis

Cherry presented the power point presentation she plans to present to City Council.

Cherry read an email from Councilman Eddy asking the Commission to open up the call nation wide. Cherry stated if the artist is working with a \$90,000 budget and is not local, a large piece of the money will be used for transport. In addition, having an accessible artist for a large piece is important. The Commission discussed opening the call to more western states. Farmin inquired why would the Commission limit itself. Kerr stated he favors regional artists and it is the mission of the Art Commission to favor regional artists.

Cherry stated Coeur d'Alene has the same qualifications.

Motion:

Susnis moved and Soltis second to approve the Schweitzer Roundabout RFP.

Motion passes unanimously.

Matters from Commission or staff:

Deaner asked for an updated Commission list. Deaner stated she sent Kris Dills a letter to see if he would resign.

Jacqui Scoggin owner of Year Round Co. stated her family recently moved from Tacoma and is interested in joining the Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m. Next meeting on October 16, 2017